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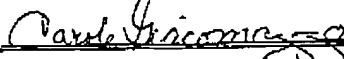
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Dear Sir:

The examiner filed an Answer to the Appeal Brief on March 13, 2006. This Reply Brief is in response thereto.

In reply to the examiner's Answer, it is submitted that Edem does not teach or suggest a low-power mode where *data is transferred*. Rather, Edem shows a *holding* low-power mode *wherein no data is transferred*. This is clearly brought out in the Edem patent, Col. 12, line 64 – Col. 13, line 5, as follows:

“Finally, there are the actual communication protocol states, such as the low power mode 204 of the present invention, a full-capacity high-speed multi-service mode 206, such as the iso-ethernet mode described above with respect to FIGS. 1 through 5, an Ethernet 10BASE T mode 205, and possibly a very low power link hold mode 208 in which periodic pulses are exchanged to indicate that the link is still established, but during which no data is transmitted.”

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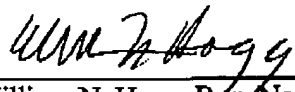
This is typically characteristic of a 10BASE T mode. Appellants claim *data transfer in all modes, both low-power and high-power*.

Additionally, Edem can switch to low-power only in response to diminished signals; appellants, on the other hand, claim the ability to switch to the low-power mode based on operator commands, or time of day, or diminished signal traffic, or combinations thereof. Such is not suggested by Edem.

Thus, for these reasons, the claims are clearly allowable over Edem.

Respectfully submitted,

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